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The AEIT technical-scientific association is a leading organization for the Electrical Engineering, Electronics, Automation, Information Technology, and Telecommunications sectors. Founded by Galileo Ferraris in 1897, the AEIT is comprised of four Societies and 19 Sections throughout Italy.

As the general president of the AEIT, I greet you all and invite you to the annual meeting in Rome from September 8 to 10, 2026, at the Faculty of Engineering in San Pietro in Vincoli at Sapienza University.

The annual international meeting, a selected conference of the IEEE IAS, has two focuses: a scientific one with sessions in English and a current technical focus and innovation perspectives with round tables in Italian.

Among the issues worthy of discussion, a highly topical one is that of avoiding the loss of skills in crucial sectors. Industrial electrical and energy engineers, as well as safety engineers, as well as civil engineers, are becoming increasingly rare.

In the age of Artificial Intelligence, the critical capacity of expertise is essential. The progress of science as technological innovation does not always mean a positive advancement of civilization, because it can instead lead to its downfall.

It is worth discussing how the energy transition should be a right for all, with the goal of rationalizing energy use.

The generation of renewables seems like a problem to be borne by the user, but it should be a service to the user.

Sustainability cannot be a forward-looking process based on a transition with discontinuity, without taking the present into account. Sustainability must address the social impacts and rebound effects that forced choices can

cause. Therefore, the sustainability of individual components must certainly be considered in relation to their implementation within the system. Sustainability makes no sense at the local level in a global market, and is ineffective and useless in a misaligned world.

Expertise therefore becomes fundamental and requires wisdom capable of reevaluating the need for adequate timing in decisions (the *festina lente* principle). The speed of Artificial Intelligence's response is an advantage, but it's absolutely wise to manage your own decision-making time. Only high-level expertise allows you to minimize decision-making time and contain it in a very brief moment of reflection.